

All renters need and deserve homes that are affordable, secure, safe, and feel like home. NSW renting laws should be reformed in order to make renting fair for the 1 in 3 people in NSW who rent our homes.

Renters need homes that are stable and secure. Renters deserve to live without fear of unfair 'no grounds' evictions from our homes.

All renters should be provided with a valid reason for ending a tenancy. Landlords should be required to provide a reason to end a rolling (periodic) lease, and a fixed term lease after the end date.

'The property will soon be sold' should not be added as a ground for eviction.

Renters need homes that feel like home. Renters should be allowed to make simple choices to make the houses we live in homes, including whether or not to keep pets.

Landlords should only be able to refuse a pet by obtaining a Tribunal order allowing them to do so. This is a model similar to those that apply in Victoria, the ACT and the NT.

NSW should go further and make sure people aren't penalised for applying for a property with a pet. This could be by providing a standard application form with only questions that are relevant.

Renters need homes that are affordable. Renters need to be able to afford to pay our rent without worrying that it will mean we go without other life essentials.

There should be fair limits on rent increases in NSW tenancy law.

Housing is an essential service. Having a secure, safe, affordable home is vital to ensure a decent life. There are other essential services – energy, health, education and more – where cost is regulated to ensure the service is accessible for everyone. Fair limits on rent increases and rent setting should apply in rental housing too.

I am a registered nurse, and I was a frontline worker all through COVID. Yet myself, and many of my colleagues struggled to find affordable housing within the community that we are serving. Despite all my training and years of experience in a specialty area, every pay day is both a blessing and a curse; a blessing because now I have money to buy my essentials such as food and pay my bills, but a curse, due to the amount of stress involved with trying to balance my fortnightly budget. There have been weeks where I've struggled to afford petrol for my car, where I've had to choose petrol to get to work over groceries solely due to the excessive cost of my rent.